

ISOLATED CATHEPSIN L TYPE CYSTEINE  
PROTEASES AND REDUCING INTERCORNEOCYTE  
COHESION/PROMOTING DESQUAMATION THEREWITH

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           Isolated, substantially pure natural or  
synthetic polypeptides comprising cathepsin L type  
cysteine proteases, or polypeptide fragments or  
polypeptide admixtures obtained via proteolysis thereof,  
are useful for reducing intercorneocyte cohesion and,  
thus, for promoting desquamation.

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